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A young skater is a blur while making the rounds at the A.J. LaRue Arena in Haliburton on Dec. 31 during the Holiday Free Skate. The event was sponsored by Tim Hortons for the majority of the Dec. 22 to Jan. 5 period.

Darren Lum Staff

Holiday season brings string of thefts to county

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

A number of break-ins that occurred during the holidays resulted in thefts at cottages and at one business in Haliburton County.

Seven cottages in the Highlands East area were broken into and as a result one chainsaw and three firearms were stolen, according to a release issued by the OPP.

The incidents occurred on Dec. 19 on Swirling Leaves Lane and were investigated by the Bancroft detachment.

Bancroft community service officer Susanne Cox suspects more residences were broken into, but the owners have not yet reported them.

"The problem, when we get into seasonal places, is the victims coming up [here] to report," said Cox. "I think there was probably more properties stolen

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Seven cottages, one business targeted by thieves

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from then what the news release says. But the problem is people haven't come up to check."

At this time there are no suspects in the incident.

The OPP is still investigating the matter and Cox is asking anyone with information to call 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers at 1-888-222-8477, to remain anonymous.

A separate incident where a boat motor was stolen occurred at Harper Powersports and Marine, located in Minden Hills.

According to the OPP suspects walked into the storage facility located near the marine and cut the shrink-wrap around 14 boats.

"The wrapping was cut near the outboard motors of all the boats to reveal the motor type and size," read the release from the OPP.

A Yamaha motor was stolen off a 16-foot Smokercraft fishing boat. It is described as being a 2006, 40 horsepower tiller-style outboard motor, is black, with the serial number 67CL1019348.

Rob Bryson, a tech at the marine, says the motor was probably valued at around \$6,500.

To access the motor, the suspects walked around the gate and damaged a boat to get at the motor, said Bryson.

Nothing else was taken during the incident. In previous years the marine has had gas stolen from the property, however never a motor. Bryson believes the suspects knew exactly what they were looking for.

"Somebody was looking for this motor and took it," he said. "They cut into a couple of other boats to look at the motor and then they finally found the one they wanted."

The incident took place during the nighttime, said Bryson.

Anyone with information regarding the incident should call the Haliburton Highlands OPP at 705-286-1431 or Crimestoppers at 1-800-222-8477. Crimestoppers will pay up to a \$2,000 reward for a tip that leads to an arrest.



Angelica Blenich Staff

Harper Marine and Powersport tech Rob Bryson points to a boat and motor that is covered in shrink-wrap at their location on County Road 21. A recent incident at the marine saw a boat motor stolen after the shrink wrap was cut into on 14 different boats at the marine. An investigation is ongoing and there are no suspects at this time.

Health unit confirms influenza claims life of adult

Angelica Blenich

Staff reporter

This year's flu bug has cost one person their life.

On Jan. 3, the Haliburton-Kawartha-Pine Ridge District Health Unit confirmed an area resident died as a result of having the flu.

While the individual's name and hometown are not being released, Health Unit officials did confirm the person was an adult under the age of 65 who had no underlying medical conditions.

The person was hospitalized with the flu before passing away in the hospital, according to the Health Unit. They had not had their flu shot this year.

"It was reported to us today," said Anne Marie Holt, manager of communicable disease control with the Health Unit, adding that the death was recent.

As of Jan. 3, 16 influenza cases had been confirmed by the Health Unit, however, that number was changing on a daily basis, said Holt.

"That is really just the tip of the iceberg of what will be going on in the community," she said. "We know that we don't get laboratory confirmation of all the circulating flu cases ... 11 of those

[cases] are under the age of 50. Which is not what we would normally see."

Of those confirmed cases, the individuals ranged from four to 87 years old and at least six of those with influenza had not had their flu shot, confirmed Holt.

This year's results are not typical, as there is a particularly high strain of H1N1 in the area.

"The influenza H1N1 strain can cause serious illness in younger people," said Holt. "So far this season it seems to be the predominant strain both provincially and locally."

Because of its affect on younger people, the Health Unit is encouraging everyone to get a flu shot this year, even if they don't normally, particularly those under the age of five.

"So far this season we are seeing normal numbers of influenza cases. What's different this year is that the predominant strain right now is H1N1, so the cases we're seeing are younger. We normally see influenza impacting the elderly significantly," Holt said.

To address the high number of cases this year, additional flu shot clinics are being offered by the Health Unit in Lindsay and Port Hope.

"The flu shot is safe and effective, and there are still opportunities to get a free flu shot in your community," says Linda McCarey, director of communicable disease control with the

Health Unit.

The clinics are taking place in Lindsay on Jan. 9 from 1 - 3 p.m. and in Port Hope on Jan. 14 from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Those interested are asked to book appointments ahead of time by calling 1-866-888-4577.

The clinics are aimed at children age six months and older.

Apart from the clinics, residents can also get a flu shot from their health care provider, as well as at many local pharmacies throughout the county.

For a full list of pharmacies participating visit www.hkpr.on.ca.

Tips to stop the flu from spreading include washing your hands frequently and thoroughly, sneezing and coughing into your sleeves and to avoid those who are showing flu symptoms.

Eating well, getting plenty of sleep and being physically active on a regular basis are also recommended.

Correction

Janet Trull's Town Dock column *Little Eva's place* on page 18 of last week's *Haliburton County Echo* was completed with files and research by Donna Gagnon of WeGoBack, a family genealogy business in Haliburton. The *Echo* apologizes that proper credit was not given.



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OPP lay four impaired charges during RIDE campaign

Mark Arike
Staff

It seems as though the Festive RIDE program is working in Haliburton County.

According to a press release from the Haliburton Highlands OPP, four people were charged with impaired driving over the course of the six-week campaign, which ran from Nov. 23 to Jan. 2. Three of those charges were laid outside of the program.

"The program is effective and perhaps we're getting the message out there," said OPP Const. Paul Potter, who serves as the area's community services officer. "Perhaps people aren't going out driving after they've been consuming alcohol because they think we're going to be out there, and they think the chance of them being stopped is much higher."

During the campaign, officers conducted 123 separate ride checks and stopped 5,221 vehicles. In addition to the one impaired driving charge, officers administered 22 roadside tests, issued two three-day suspensions, laid seven drug possession charges, and 45 Highway Traffic Act charges.

The drunk driving charge was laid on Dec. 13 after the OPP received information from the public about an erratic driver on Hwy 35 in Minden Hills. The driver, a 28-year-old Oshawa man, was charged with impaired driving after blowing more than five times the legal blood-alcohol limit.

In Ontario, a person can be charged with impaired driving if their blood-alcohol



Mark Arike Editor

Local officers stop motorists along Hwy 21 near Haliburton during the Festive RIDE program.

concentration level (BAC) reaches 80 milligrams of alcohol per 100 millilitres of blood (0.08 per cent). However, once a person's BAC gets to 0.05 per cent, also known as the "warn range," they are subject to fines and possible license suspensions.

All drivers under the age of 22 must maintain a zero BAC level.

According to Potter, over 20 local officers

and members of the Snowmobile ATV and Vessel Enforcement (SAVE), participated in the recent campaign.

"The officers in Haliburton County and other areas will be doing RIDE [checks] all throughout the year," he said. "But it's not as big of a program as it normally is through the Festive RIDE."

In the province, police laid a total of 578

impaired driving charges and issued 481 warn range suspensions. These numbers are down from the previous year, when officers laid 693 impaired driving charges and issued 625 warn range suspensions.

The OPP are reminding the public to report any suspected impaired drivers by calling 1-888-310-1122, 9-1-1 or *OPP (677) on their cell phone.

Volunteers get busy for Pond Hockey Championships

Mark Arike
Staff

If you happen to see ATVs with plows being driven around Head Lake, don't be alarmed.

It's just the start of preparations for Haliburton's second annual Canadian National Pond Hockey Championships. The two weekends of hockey action will take place between Jan. 24-26 and Jan. 31 to Feb. 2.

This past weekend, volunteers from the Haliburton ATV Association (HATVA) began clearing snow off the lake and checking the ice conditions. The area will hold 30 rinks (over 300,000 square feet of ice space).

"It's a lot of snow, a lot of ice, a lot of work," said John Teljeur, community organizer of the event.

Volunteers may start flooding the rinks as early next week, but that will depend on the cooperation of Mother Nature, said Teljeur.

Some HATVA volunteers brought their own ATVs and equipment. Teljeur said four or five ATVs were donated by Haliburton RPM.

Snowmobilers and ATVers are being asked to avoid driving their machines over the ice surface that will hold the rinks.

"We want people to respect those boundaries," said Teljeur. "It certainly puts us back."

Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Alysha Socha, volunteer coordinator, at 613-794-2803.

Mark Arike Editor
HATVA volunteer Eric Christensen plows snow off Head Lake.



Snowmobilers happy with trails this year

➤ Haliburton County Snowmobile Association president calls winter conditions 'best ever'

Darren Lum
Staff

Snowmobilers are experiencing one of the best years in recent memory thanks to the cold weather and the ample snow coverage.

Haliburton County Snowmobile Association (HCSA) president Joachim Matysek calls it the best winter he has ever seen in the Highlands after snowmobiling here for 26 years.

"Lots of snow," said Matysek. "This cold weather is making the trail base nice and hard and firm. It's just excellent conditions."

Matysek, who has been president for the past three years, said permit sales have already equalled last year's total of close to 1,300.

He estimated that close to 80 per cent of the 370-kilometre trails system is open, which includes all of the top trails and top secondary trails. More trails are opening each day, said Matysek.

The forecast for the season is a positive one, according to Matysek.

"It's early yet, but the way it's going we could be into a 10 or 12-week snowmobiling season," he said. "Last year we had a five [to] six week season."

Last year, the trails didn't open until the end of January, he added.

Matysek, who also runs a local resort, is seeing more business because of the favourable conditions. With last year's poor start, he didn't book any sledders until the middle of January.

During the snowmobile season he reminds riders to stay on marked trails and water crossings, and adhere to signage. It will not only ensure safety, but will demonstrate respect for property owners who are integral to land usage agreements where the network of trails crosses private property,



Haliburton County Snowmobile Association president Joachim Matysek says conditions this year for snowmobiling are the best he's seen in his 26 years in the area. To date the club has issued about 1,300 permits and close to 80 per cent of the network's trails are open. /File photo

said Matysek.

"We have a great deal of land owners [who] allow us to cross their property and if we start wandering off the trail system it can be revoked," he said, adding that venturing into the unknown can get a rider into trouble. "You know, stumps, rocks and cars. Things like that."

The local club always welcomes new volunteers. Their

help is needed to put up signage and for brushing.

Members meet on the first Tuesday of every month at 171 Mallard Road in Haliburton.

Trail conditions are available on the HCSA website or the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs' (OFSC) interactive map.

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Tara O'Reilly and Matt Hall built this snowman in December.

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Christina Berning and Will Howden made this gigantic snowman in Wilberforce in December.



Paxton Anderson, 3, was all ready for Santa. Submitted by Melissa Anderson.



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To serve and protect

The Greater Toronto Area suffered the wrath of a relentless ice storm over the past couple of weeks. Not only did it knock down trees, but it also left many Torontonians in the dark for days on end.

As a result, Hydro workers pulled in plenty of overtime hours to restore power to thousands of customers. Their efforts were applauded by many, and rightfully so. They gave up holiday time with loved ones to clean up the frozen debris. Some were injured in the progress.

And while Hydro crews braved the cold to keep Toronto residents safe and warm, the Haliburton Highlands had its own unsung heroes working to protect motorists on county highways and roads.

Local officers stopped thousands of vehicles over the last six weeks during the Festive RIDE campaign. Their presence in the Highlands is deterring people from getting behind the wheel after having a few drinks.

The results of the program are encouraging. This year, the OPP laid 578 impaired driving charges in the province compared to last year's total of 693. A 16.5 per cent decrease may sound inconsequential to some, but if that translates to at least one more life saved, then the program was a resounding success.

As of late, the OPP has received a lot of bad press because of forthcoming changes to the current billing model. The new model will more than double the cost of police services to local municipalities, however, areas that have been paying more should expect to see a decrease.

So the question is, what are an officer's services worth? The answer isn't so quite so easy to determine. Just keep in mind that at any given point in time, an officer can end up in a life-threatening situation that requires him or her to act quickly and intelligently.

Police are often questioned as to the value of the services they provide, but they are more than just enforcers of the law. In addition to responding to disturbing and dangerous calls, these men and women are members of our community, educating the youth about drugs, risky behaviour and responsible alcohol consumption through initiatives such as the Drug Abuse Resistance Education (D.A.R.E.) program.

Only time will tell as to how the new billing formula will roll out. Hopefully both parties on either side of the table will be able to compromise to reach a fair solution. If cutbacks are necessary, then let's hope they don't impact this valuable program.

After all, you can't put a price tag on a person's life.



Mark Arike
Editor



Lake tracks

photo by Darren Lum

Goal setting

HAPPY NEW YEAR! January is the month we often consider our new year's resolutions and, while I am not too keen on resolutions, I am very much into goal setting.

Reviewing and setting goals is an ongoing life event for us all. For organizations, goal setting becomes part of the strategic planning process. At the Haliburton Village Business Improvement Area (BIA), our mandate remains consistent each year. We are a not-for-profit organization whose purpose is to oversee the improvement, beautification and maintenance of municipally-owned land and buildings. We strive to promote the area as a business and shopping area. We are also committed to our community.

Each year we work closely with local organizations and partners to celebrate the village, and to organize and create special community events. Our goals, accordingly, focus on how best to carry out our mandate. What will we do this year? Our success is dependent upon our volunteer management board, known as the BIA executive, and on the work of our volunteer BIA committees. What would you like your BIA to do this year? Your input is welcome at any time. You can always share your ideas. You can be on a BIA committee.

The BIA annual general meeting (AGM) is being held on Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2014

at 7 p.m. in the council chamber of the Municipality of Dysart et al. At this meeting, the new BIA executive will be elected, the budget for 2014 will be presented and the committee structure will be outlined. You're invited!

January is also the month of many wonderful community happenings! Events include pickle ball at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School, the "local colour" exhibition at Rails End Gallery and public skating and hockey at the arena, to hosting the amazing Canadian National Pond Hockey Championships and Hockey Night in Haliburton.

The BIA, while not directly involved in organizing these events, is excited and eager to support them! Keep up-to-date on all the details as they unfold by checking out our Haliburton Village BIA Facebook page. In addition, our page is a great place to find out about special promotions and special events at stores, restaurants and businesses. Also, if your organization is holding a community event in the village, please contact me so the BIA can help promote it.

And finally, January is a month for a winter wonderland of active living. Enjoy both the briskness of the outdoors and the warmth indoors on those cold winter nights. There is always so much to do in the Highlands!

Please feel most welcome to contact me at any time at haliburtonbia@mail.com.



Gail Stelter
BIA in the Village



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The end of an era

To the Editor,

I was both saddened and disappointed to hear the news that morning, Dec. 16, that Bram Lebo, publisher of Maple Key Media, had bought *The Echo*, *The Times*, *Bancroft This Week* and *Barry's Bay This Week* newspapers from Sun Media. This, with his *The Highlander*, gives him the monopoly of the news despite what others may say. Competition of the news in the Highlands is dead.

Mr. Lebo said every employee of Sun Media has been offered a position. Great, but not necessarily the position they held. Jenn Watt lost her position as managing editor, a job she held since the departure of Martha Perkins. Chad Ingram heard the new format of the *Times* and chose to leave us. What a loss! His opinion column told it like it was – the good news and the bad – and often with humour. It is so sad to think that this all happened with an election year coming up. This is one of the most important elections for Minden Hills and we have lost our watch dog. Chad is a true investigative reporter and has uncovered news that some in our council wanted kept quiet, and there is more to come. [Will *The Highlander* report this? I hope

so! Now we have one paper questioning candidates for the October election. Will we get a one-sided opinion as to their positions to represent us for our future four years of government?

I know the management is sorting out who is doing what, but the last issue of *The Times* was most disappointing. Instead of reporting on the year that was passing and the hopes for the year coming up, (which Chad would have done in his opinion column), we got three pages of the Legion Remembrance Day Contest winners. Yes, this was important to the children involved but I thought the timing was odd! I see no point in continuing my subscription if we are just going to get the same *Highlander* reporters writing columns that are in *The Highlander*.

I have emailed both Chad and Jenn and wished them well, but their leaving has created a void in the knowledge of the history in the Highlands that *The Highlander* does not have yet.

Jenn and Chad, you will be missed. I am so sorry this all happened!

Lois Rigney
Minden Hills

4Cs thanks the community

To the Editor,

Since 1979, the Christian Community Concern Centre (4Cs), founded by local churches, has engaged in helping the needy in our community. We have operated a thrift store (Lily Ann) where clothing and other items may be purchased at minimal cost and provided food for our citizens who, regularly or temporarily, find themselves short of the necessary resources to provide fully for themselves.

We have been able to: assist residents with emergency energy costs, provide Meals on Wheels for needy seniors and others with disabilities, help with emergent pharmaceutical costs, make donations to the Milk for Moms program (SIRCH) and the Milk for Schools program in Wilberforce and Cardiff, contribute to the Highlands Pregnancy Care Centre, help other charitable organizations in Haliburton whose purposes match our own, and respond to appeals for help for temporary shelter or transportation necessities.

The profits from the Lily Ann are directed entirely to extending such charity with very little required for administration and we thank the

municipality for providing and maintaining the building. The entire 4Cs staff is made up of approximately 50 volunteers from the community. This Christmas, in addition to the fresh food bags we regularly purchase for distribution to those registered with us, we were again able to provide food vouchers to individuals and families and gifts for children.

All of the above is predicated on the support of the community at large. We receive contributions of items for sale in the store, food for the Food Bank, cash, funds from drives conducted by various agencies in the community (businesses, service clubs, churches, families, individuals, radio stations, etc.) and from cottagers and others who visit "our fair land."

Is it not a fair land? We recognize the hand of God "from whom all blessings flow" in all of this and pray that he will continue to extend his care over us as we "acknowledge him in all our ways." We thank with genuine humility all who have enabled the 4Cs to operate in 2013 and wish for you great blessings in 2014.

Don Wood, Chairman
Haliburton



pic of the past

Ed Miller's youngest brother, Fred Miller, in World War 2. Submitted. If you have a pic of the past you'd like to submit, bring it to the *Echo* at 146 Highland St. or email tara@maplekeymedia.ca

BOONEVILLE



Wanakita warms hearts, draws families

Darren Lum
Staff

Some love affairs must be shared.

Just before she hit the trails for a Nordic ski, Sarah McClennan of Mississauga couldn't stop smiling remembering all the times she has come to YMCA Wanakita in Haliburton.

Although it was the emergency room doctor's first year coming to the Wanakita Family New Year's Eve week of activities, many of her fond memories were made long before this trip.

McClennan's love for the place and the people of Wanakita all started in the early 1990s when she was in Grade 8. It's a love she hopes to share with her two young boys, Patrick, 4, and Michael, 7, and her husband, who never attended a residential summer camp.

She returned for a few more years during three separate times: as a camp counsellor, a leadership program and a university undergraduate program.

McClennan was also the camp's doctor for two summers, bringing her two boys with her while her husband stayed in the city.

"When I was a camp doctor it was more work, but it was still fun. I decided I didn't want to be the doctor anymore. I'd rather just come as the camper and I'd actually just pay to come with my kids," she said, referring to the summer and the recent visit.

"I do this trip for myself and my kids. Dan [my husband] spent 45 minutes skating on the lake. I'm going for a ski so you can do all the things you can't do back home. This place has everything. You come and you don't need to own skis, you don't need to own snowshoes and you can just do everything and have it taught to you. Yesterday my kids learned how to cross-country ski without having to go somewhere."

McClennan believes her children benefit with every enjoyable experience at Wanakita.

"It's great exposure for kids to learn about the environment and learn to have fun in the outdoors," she said. "Sometimes you don't get that in the city. Here there really isn't any technology, which is nice. It's an opportunity to have fun without technology."

Albert Wisco of Toronto, who has come with his two sons and wife for the past five years, watched as his family participated in the baking activity.

"It's a great way to have family time and enjoy the Ontario winter," he Wisco.

There were 60 adults and children at this year's four-day overnight camp, which ran from Dec. 29 to Jan. 1. Activities included snowshoeing, children crafts, skating, high and low ropes, yoga, dance, Nordic skiing, snow forts/sculptures, drumming, tobogganing and family baking.



Sarah McClennan, left, loves YMCA Wanakita and is taking the opportunity to share her appreciation for the place with her family, such as four-year-old son Patrick seen eating chocolate during the New Year's Eve Family Camp last week. McClennan first came as a camper, leadership program participant, camp counsellor, program participant and doctor.



Right: Downtown Toronto resident Albert Wisco enjoys a skate during the New Year's Eve Family Camp last week at YMCA Wanakita. Wisco, who was with his wife Stephanie Nixon and two boys Charlie, 5, and Andy, 7, loves the four-day offering to enjoy the winter. The Wiscos have come for five years.



Eight-year-old Cameron Smith of Mississauga takes a break from the baking activity at the YMCA Wanakita's New Year's Eve Family Camp last week. Smith was one of 60 participants in the four-day offering that included indoor and outdoor activities.

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Building bird feeders with found materials

Mark Arike
Staff

With a variety of recycled materials in their hands, children and adults made their very own bird feeders from scratch at the Dysart library on Jan. 4.

"The idea is to get people out looking at birds," said Andrea Mueller, municipal recreation pilot project coordinator.

The idea for the workshop stemmed from the Christmas bird count for kids, said Mueller.

Several kids and their parents attended the free event to build a bird feeder out of wire mesh, pine cones and plastic juice bottles. Suet (animal fat), seeds and honey were used as bird food.

Some of the bird feeders were sent home with participants while the rest will be hung on trees by the library.

A free presentation on birds will be held at the Rails End Gallery & Arts Centre on Jan. 11 at 1 p.m. with Dan Busby, a local ornithologist and bird photographer. For more information call Mueller at 705-457-1740 or e-mail amueller@dysart.ca.



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Above: Kiara Harnois displays her enthusiasm during a bird feeder workshop at the Dysart library. Left: Dylan Davison, 4, carefully puts some honey on a pine cone.

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Minden woman wins Buy In and Win Contest

Matthew Desrosiers
Staff

Brenda Doiron has a thousand reasons to celebrate this new year.

The Minden resident won the \$1,000 grand prize in the BIA's Buy In and Win contest held over the holidays. Shoppers who made purchases at BIA businesses in town were given ballots to enter into the draw, with the winner choosing between the money or a trip for two to Cuba paid for by Travel Plus in Haliburton.

Doiron received her winning ticket from Rexall in Haliburton. She said she chose the cash so that she and her husband could celebrate their 35th anniversary in style this year.



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Haliburton Village BIA president Luke Schell, with his grandson Oliver Quinn Williams, presents Brenda Doiron with a \$1,000 cheque from the BIA's Buy In and Win contest held over the holidays.

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Storm midget team maintains impressive record

Matthew Desrosiers
Editor

The Highlander's Highland Storm Midget A team got the last say in a season-long bat-

tle against their rivals from South Muskoka, winning 3-2 in a hard-fought game in Haliburton on Jan. 3.
South Muskoka is the only team to have beat the Storm all season, winning their last two meetings.



Mark Arike Staff

Storm captain Nathan Feir takes a faceoff against a South Muskoka player in the team's 3-2 win on Jan. 3.

Peewee team wins two straight

Submitted by Larry Bukta
Dollo's Foodland's Highland Storm Peewee A team finished the regular season winning back-to-back games against league points leader South Muskoka. Saturday's game in Haliburton was a 3-1 win that featured goalie Carson Sisson playing his best game of the season. Sisson stopped a number of shots during two periods when South Muskoka put huge pressure on the Highland Storm. South Muskoka scored first in the opening period, but Owen Gilbert tied the score on a slapshot after receiving a pass from Ethan Glecoff. Alex Little scored next on a breakaway after receiving a pass from Ryan Hall. Gilbert scored Highland Storm's third goal assisted again by Glecoff.
Game two in Gravenhurst was a 4-2 win with the Storm team perhaps playing their best game of the season. South Muskoka opened the scoring in the first period. Ben MacNaull tied the game early in the second period. South Muskoka and the Storm team then traded goals with Nick Dollo, tying the score late in the second period. With a 2-2 tie in the third period, Glecoff quickly scored the winning goal followed four minutes later by a goal by Gilbert. The Storm Peewee The team will head to the Muskoka-Parry Sound League playoffs in Minden and Haliburton on Jan. 18 and 19.

**Ed Smolen Dentistry
Bantam A**
Submitted by Tammy Smith
The Highland Storm Ed Smolen Dentistry Bantam A's travelled to Huntsville on Jan. 4.

This was the last time these two teams would meet this season and Huntsville wasn't going to let The Storm win all four games as they pulled out a tie. Paydon Miscio deked out a few players and then the goalie to make it 1-0, assisted by Ethan Keefer and Jacob Haedicke. Huntsville tied it up minutes later. With five minutes left in the first, Matt Wilbee found Owen Smitty Smith wide open at the opposite side of the net to make it 2-1. Then Huntsville came back with two goals to lead 3-2 until late in the game when Owen Patterson Smith did the wraparound to end the game in a tie. The Storm's last regular season game is Tuesday, Jan. 7 in Minden at 7:30 p.m.

Canadian Tire Novice
Submitted by Ron Hall
On Dec. 29, the Highland Storm Canadian Tire novices travelled to Huntsville to play the Otters. With a shortened bench due to injuries and sickness, the Storm faced a bench full of opponents. Playing hard in the first period battling back and forth, the Otters managed to get one on the board ending the period 1-0. The storm tried their best and didn't give up, but couldn't get any breaks. The Otters managed to score two more, putting them ahead by three. They then put in another three to make the final score 6-0.
The coaching staff is very proud of the boys for playing so hard with only eight skaters against a bench of 15. The team's next game is Jan. 4 at 11 a.m. in Minden against Huntsville.

The home team opened the scoring with under five minutes left in the first period. In the second, up 2-0, the Storm took a four-minute penalty for hitting to the head. Penalty killers worked hard for the first two minutes of the penalty, unable to get off the ice. With just a minute left, however, South Muskoka put one in to get within a goal.
Although the visitors carried momentum into the third period, it would be the Storm who capitalized on their chances, retaking their two-goal lead.
South Muskoka made the game interesting with a goal near the end of the game, but the home team weathered the storm, coming away with the victory.
"They're a good team," said Storm head coach Jamie Dollo. "[They're] a good skating team, and they always play hard. You've got to raise your intensity if you want to be in the game."

Dollo said his team did just that.
"It's just effort. That's it. Other than maybe one penalty that we shouldn't have took, [we] played a really disciplined, hard game."
The Midget A team finished their regular season with a record of 14-2-2. They currently sit in first in the league standings, but South Muskoka is only two points behind with a postponed game remaining on their schedule.
Next for the team is the Muskoka-Parry Sound league playdown tournament this weekend in Bracebridge and Gravenhurst, Dollo said. After that the team heads into the Ontario Minor Hockey Association playoffs.
"They're a great group of kids," he said. "It's been a fun year so far and hopefully we can carry on into the playoffs."

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Holiday free skate

Above: A young skater tries to stay on his feet at the AJ LaRue Arena in Haliburton on Dec. 31 during the Holiday Free Skate. The skating was sponsored by Tim Hortons for the majority of the Dec. 22 to Jan. 5 period.
Left: Children are helped with their skates at the AJ LaRue Arena in Haliburton on Dec. 31 during the Holiday Free Skate.

Darren Lum Staff

The Loop Troupe will be hosting fundraiser for new library furnishings

Wilberforce

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We are back. We're pleased that though it has been very cold and snowy, we've had electricity throughout the Christmas season. We welcome the new year and hope that with all its challenges, our readers will experience many joyful times.

After a holiday break, curlers will be back on the ice for regular league play this week at the Wilberforce club. Many will be looking forward to a mixed bonspiel there on January 17 and 18.

There appears to be lots of action at the arena, with public skating times, recreational figure skating lessons, and kids and adult hockey.

The Loop Troupe, along with members of the Library

Launchers Committee, will be meeting at the LWMC on Friday, Jan. 10 at 7 p.m. They will be planning a program which will be a fundraiser for furnishings for the new library here.

The Christmas Day dinner presented for free at the LWMC was welcomed by about 100 people. Appreciation is extended to Lynn Binskin and her family, Clara Burt and all who in any way helped with this generous outreach to many, especially the lonely.

Thanks also to all who included friends in their family gatherings.

The staff and students at the Wilberforce Elementary School have returned to classes for the winter term. They should know that their colourful music-filled Christmas Concert on Dec. 17 at the LWMC was well-received.

It began with a welcome by principal Gord Wood who introduced Melinda Meharrie and Mikaela Kauffeldt who ably emceed the program.

The Grade 4/5 class gave a three-part presentation begin-

ning with a rendition of Jingle Bells on recorders. Next, the Little Drummer Boy was portrayed with action, singing and drumming. They concluded with more drumming in the lively Feliz Navidad number.

Recorders were also played well by the Grade 5/6 class presenting a variety of pieces including Peace Must Be Our Goal, BAG Boogie, Rockin' BAG, Ode To Joy and Frosty The Snowman.

The finale was by the Grade 7/8 class that gave an animated rendition of The Night Before Christmas. Then they performed two well-choreographed dances with singalongs to Santa Claus Is Coming To Town and Rudolph.

What a great deal of work in rehearsing must have gone into the music and dance. The sets were attractive and appropriate for the acts. The hall was creatively decorated as well.

Thanks for a fine program. The Loop Troupe should surely be looking at some of these talented young people.

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Year *in* Review

The past year was full of news from one corner of the Haliburton Highlands to the other. We've considered the good, the bad and the ugly to come up with the following highlights from 2013.



Year in review

Community unites in wake of Minden flood

➤ The spring flood of 2013 was unlike anything most Minden residents had experienced in their lives.

On April 20, the Township of Minden Hills declared a state of emergency after water levels rose to dangerous levels. Many residents had to evacuate their homes due to extreme flooding caused by heavy rainfall and the rapid spring thaw. Initial estimates pegged the damages to homes and other private properties at \$4 million, but fortunately insurance companies stepped up to assist many of those affected, bringing down that total considerably.

The bad news event, which garnered national media attention, brought the best out in the community. Local residents, business owners and organizations all pitched in to help those affected by donating their money, time and resources. The Minden Flood Relief Golf Tournament, for example, brought in over \$120,000. At the end of October, volunteer members of the Disaster Relief Committee (DRC) announced they had raised over \$708,000 through their fundraising campaign.



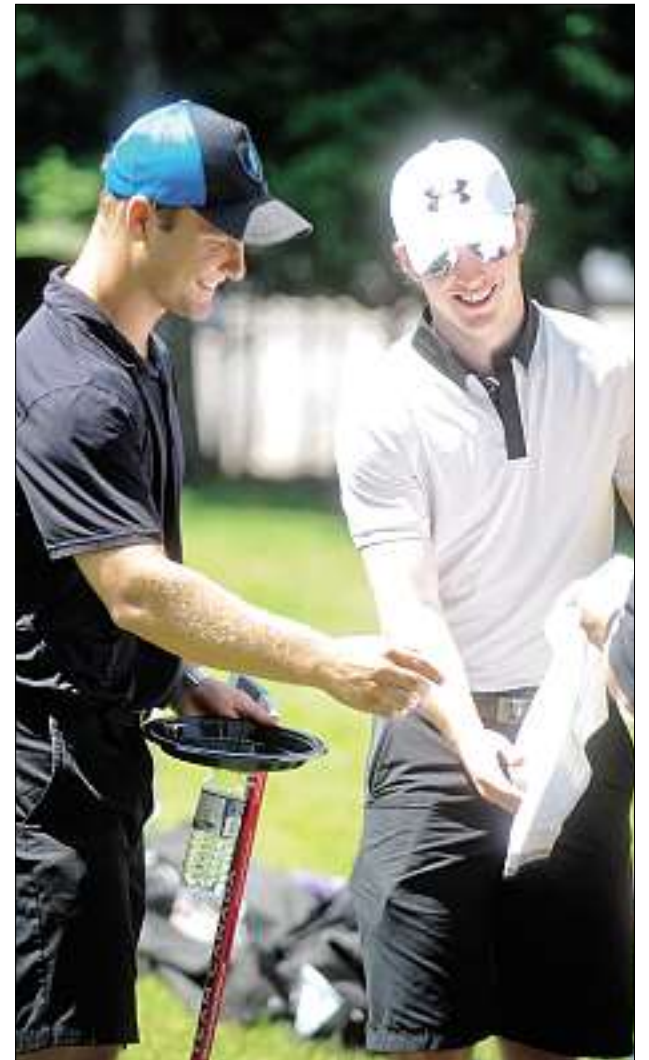
Sandbags weren't enough to keep the flood waters from overtaking this home on Anson Street in Minden on April 21, 2013. In the days after the initial flooding, the Gull River continued to rise, causing road closures and home evacuations. /File photo



Left: Community members fill bags with sand on April 21 in Minden. Thousands of bags were filled by volunteers all day long as the banks of the Gull River flooded houses and streets causing Minden Hills to call a state of emergency.

Above: A vehicle slowly approaches the flooded Anson Street, as heavy rains and rising water levels left the Gull River to breach the shores and nearby homes. People in affected areas (Anson Street, Orde Street, Invergordon Avenue and Prince Street) were encouraged to get to higher ground.

Right: NHLers Cody Hodgson, left, and Matt Duchene were obliging with their time at the Minden Flood Relief Golf Tournament at the Pinestone located outside of Haliburton on June 15. The tournament raised over \$120,000. /File photo



Year in review

Wolf release spurs criminal investigation



Haliburton veterinarian Laurie Brown works on Granite, the alpha female who escaped from the Haliburton Forest & Wild Life Reserve's wolf centre on Dec. 31, 2012. On Jan. 10 Granite was found by Forest staff with bullet wounds in her legs and was immediately treated. /Photo submitted

On Dec. 31, 2012, the Haliburton Forest & Wild Life Reserve Ltd. made headlines after four wolves escaped from the Wolf Centre when vandals cut their enclosure. In the days after the release, staff discovered evidence that led them to believe that Logan, one of the pups, was the victim of a shooting. Nine days after the incident, staff also found Granite, the alpha female, near death after being wounded by two bullets. Despite their best efforts to save her, the wolf succumbed to its injuries. The other two missing wolves, Haida and Lonestar, were never found. The Haliburton Forest offered a \$3,000 reward for information leading to a conviction, but no arrests were made.

The release sparked conversation about keeping wild animals in captivity.

HHHS gets new CEO

Varouj Eskedjian started in his new position as CEO of Haliburton Highlands Health Services (HHHS) in January. The hospital administrator who hails from Sudbury told The Echo it was his priority to maintain services, if not enhance them. His five main priorities included integration, budget, safety, work environment and enhancement.

Eskedjian replaced Paul Rosebush, who held the position for three and a half years.

County welcomes tourism director

In June, the County of Haliburton hired Amanda Ranson to "manage the brand and create the demand." With a background in brand management and a firm grasp on social media marketing, Ranson quickly set out to put the Haliburton Highlands on the map. Since starting the job, Ranson has boosted the county's presence on Facebook and Twitter, and created a marketing and branding strategy for the future. The #MyHaliburtonHighlands hashtag is now popping up all over the web, so it's certainly a good sign of things to come.

Devolin announces departure from federal politics

In November, Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MP Barry Devolin announced he wouldn't be seeking re-election in 2015. In the Nov. 19 edition of The Haliburton County Echo, the former Haliburton resident said it was time to "move on and do some other things in my life." For the past five years, he's also served as the assistant deputy speaker in the House of Commons.

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At the time of printing, determination as to where Nomination Papers are to be filed for the School Board Trustees had not yet been finalized. Please contact the Clerk or visit the Municipality's website at www.dysartetal.ca for further information in this regard as it becomes available.

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Year in review

Baby Jake catches a big break

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When the community found out that Jacob Bateman would need a kidney transplant, they came to the family's aid almost immediately. The son of local residents Cory Abbs and Mitch Bateman was born with kidney complications on Nov. 14, and spent a considerable amount of time in Sick Kids Hospital because of his condition.

On March 23, approximately 300 supporters showed up to McKecks Tap & Grill in Haliburton for a charity auction, which raised over \$19,000 for the family.

In September, the first tenants of Haliburton's new affordable housing complex settled in to their homes. Plans to build the 24-unit condo, located off County Road 21, were first announced in 2011.

The Kawartha Lakes-Haliburton Housing Corporation received \$2.9 million from the provincial and federal governments to make the project a reality. The County of Haliburton also contributed \$190,000 to the development.

The following month, Granite Cove opened its doors to new residents. The 30-unit condominium, which overlooks Head Lake, is the first of its kind in Haliburton. The condo's developer, Greystone Construction, plans on putting up a second building in town on the corner of Lakeview Avenue and Mountain Street.

Tim Hortons opens second location

Although some residents were opposed to the new Tim Hortons location, others rejoiced when the Haliburton site opened its doors on Nov. 4. Located just outside of the village on County Road 21, the 24-hour restaurant features a Cold Stone Creamery and drive-thru.

Relay for Life committee calls it quits

After seven years in Haliburton, the Haliburton County Relay for Life committee had to make a difficult decision. In September, the event's chairwoman, Aggie Tose, announced that her committee would not be organizing the event due to a decision made by the Canadian Cancer Society to implement a \$100 fee for new patients requiring transportation services. After the announcement, a spokesperson for the Canadian Cancer Society said the event - which is scheduled to take place at the Minden Fairgrounds - would still go ahead as planned, however, the society would oversee it and enlist the help of volunteers if necessary. In its time, the signature event has raised over \$1.1 million for cancer research.

Haliburton hockey legend dies

On Jan. 2, Wren Blair, the founder of Haliburton's Hockey Haven, passed away in Oshawa at the age of 87. Blair, who was also known as "The Bird," built the Haliburton Hockey Haven Boys Camp with Jim Gregory and co-founded the Pinestone Inn (now Pinestone Resort). Blair coached, managed and owned hockey teams in various leagues in North America.

AH reeve completes term as warden

At the end of 2012, Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt was acclaimed as the Haliburton County warden. Moffatt

recently completed her one-year term and was replaced by Highlands East Reeve Dave Burton. "I look forward to working with you, and I look forward to your support," Burton told Moffatt during a special meeting of county council on Dec. 17. "You've certainly raised the bar here and thank you for doing that."

Policing costs set to soar

Towards the end of the year, the OPP announced that it planned on changing its billing model. The change means that municipalities in the county will be looking at the cost of police services doubling in 2014. Local politicians have expressed concern over the new formula and are looking at how to deal with the increase, which would significantly impact municipalities.



Interested in Community Economic Development? Volunteer Opportunity

The Haliburton County Development Corporation (HCDC) is seeking a resident from the Municipality of Minden Hills to serve on the Eastern Ontario Development Program (EODP) Committee. The committee is comprised of HCDC board members and a community member from each of the four municipalities in the County.

The suitable applicant will have an interest in community economic development, have experience working with not-for-profit organizations and have knowledge of the business community. The EODP committee normally meets 4 to 6 times per year and has an annual budget of approximately \$450,000 to promote the growth of new and existing innovative businesses and advance community-led economic development in Haliburton County. For a full description of the committee mandate and responsibilities please contact Patti Tallman.

If you are interested please forward a cover letter and your resume by January 24, 2014 to:

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Haliburton resident Sandra Van Alstyne stands with her border collie Monty a few feet from the mud bog that she was stuck in for 12 hours.
Darren Lum Staff

Always take your mobile phone

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

Back in the spring, a walk in the woods nearly cost a 64-year-old Haliburton woman her life. Sandra Van Alstyne was taking her border collie, Monty, for a walk when she got stuck in a mud hole. The dog stayed by her side while police conducted a search and rescue mission that lasted for 12 hours. The story drew national media attention from the Toronto Sun to CBC Radio.

A 64-year-old woman is reflecting on the night she won't soon forget after getting stuck in a mud hole for 12 hours. Sandra Van Alstyne of Haliburton didn't think walking her dog would turn into a search and rescue.

On Tuesday morning, Van Alstyne took her border collie, Monty, for a walk on Kashagawigamog Lake Road.

Just a kilometre from home, the pair ventured into the woods where they often go to escape the traffic.

This was the first time this year she had ventured into this area of the woods up a dirt trail, only 100 yards from the road.

"I didn't expect to have this type of mud, gripping deep mud," she said.

Heavy rainfall last week wreaked havoc on the area, washing out roads and overwhelming culverts.

A game of Frisbee put her in harm's way, prompting a misstep.

"I just made a couple steps too far into the mud," Van Alstyne said.

The hole was up to her knees. She pulled one leg free, setting it on a rock. Her left leg remained, embedded, "stuck like [it was in] cement."

One day after the ordeal she returned with neighbour and friend Irene Juhasz, pointing out the barely discernable spot among the soft, leaf-covered earth, surrounded by a trees. Her dog jumped around and sniffed the area, which is now a puddle with several holes made by rescuers working to free her.

"I tried, tried to get it out, but the suction from the mud it just sucked it right in. I sort of laid down in the mud. I figured I wouldn't go in deeper instead of standing up. I shouted, 'hello,' I shouted, 'help!'"

In hindsight, Van Alstyne believes the hills in the area stopped her voice from carrying to nearby neighbours, passersby and Halimar Lodge across the road.

At 5 p.m., her husband Gerry became con-

cerned. He notified the police. She doesn't usually take that long to walk the dog. With a helicopter, dog team and several emergency personnel (Haliburton Highlands Detachment Ontario Provincial Police and Haliburton County Emergency Medical Services) looking for her, the search was on.

The 64-year-old remembers seeing the chopper in the darkening sky, alleviating worry she'd be there overnight. Her diabetes added another element for concern.

"I waved and apparently that's what saw me," she said, explaining the helicopter's thermal imaging camera picked up her body heat. "They got the police to where I was. It was 11:30 [p.m.] then."

Five emergency responders, who kept her calm, pulled her free more than 12 hours after the ordeal began.

"They were down on their hands and knees with shovels and it was just wonderful for what they did to get me out of there," she said.

Her rescue caught the attention of an entire province's media.

New outlets from the Toronto Sun to the National Post and Toronto Star posted her story online, following up the next day with articles. She was also interviewed by a CBC morning radio show. She still cannot believe her story garnered the attention it did.

"It's a good story though. It's what can happen so innocently," she said.

No more interviews, she said, after the CBC. Van Alstyne wanted her rescuers to know she was appreciative, but the deluge of interview requests was close to overwhelming.

The former Toronto resident, who moved to Haliburton three years ago, said although this kind of thing doesn't really happen in the city many things are not noticed at all there. "Other things happen in Toronto and sometimes no one cares," she said.

Van Alstyne knows people here care. She doesn't know her rescuers' names, but said they know who they are.

This is what she wants them to know: "Thank you for being there and getting me out and for acting upon it and not giving up. I was thinking [before they got there] it was dark I was going to be there overnight. I might have not been so well today, but I had my dog. I must say about my dog he stayed with me. It was getting a little cold so I snuggled with him," she said. This experience, she said, has taught her to carry a mobile phone and let her husband, Gerry, know exactly where she is going.

sports year in review

Highlands backs Hawks Cinderella season

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

This past November, the junior Red Hawks captured the attention of the entire county by taking the tier two Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics championships title, making it the school's first COSSA title in 22 years.

How sweet it is.

After a 22-year drought, the junior Red Hawks football team is on top of the Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics mountain, taking the title game in front of close to 100 rabid fans 28-14 over the Quinte Secondary School Saints on Nov. 7.

Minutes into the game, Red Hawks quarterback Jaydon Wood at his own 40 hit his tailback Ethan Cooper, who was open at the 50-yard line. Cooper took it the rest of the way scoring the opening salvo. Wood added the extra point for a 7-0 lead at 7:32 of the first quarter.

Both teams played conservatively in the early going, punt-ing on third downs.

A few drives later the Red Hawks struck again.

Wood connected for another completion, hitting wide receiver Kyle Lavergne in the slot, for a 28-yard completion, ending up at the 12-yard line.

Less than three minutes left in the first, Red Hawks tailback Mac Rider, who has been the horse for the team, carrying them on his back, used his speed and blocks tight-rope-ing it along the sideline to put the home side up 13-0. Wood added the extra point, 14-0.

The Saints could do little to respond. Two penalties, equal-ing 10-yards lost; all on the same offensive drive didn't help. Just when the momentum was in favour of the Red Hawks, the Saints caught a break.

Wood, with just 57 seconds left in the first, threw an inter-ception, turning the ball over at the 50 yard line. The Saints would use the momentum to score.

A 10-yard holding penalty against the Saints took their touch-down back. However, the penalty came after the first yards were gained so the momentum remained with the visitors. Close to seven minutes left in the half, Saints quarterback Bran-don Curtis threw a touchdown pass to his slotback Anthony Aylesworth from the 15-yard line, narrowing the deficit to 14-6. Then Saints Owen Jancar couldn't get the kick off, keep-ing the eight-point deficit. Red Hawks Rider turned the tide. His 40-yard rush, taking the ball to inside the five-yard line set up the Ryan Hill two-yard touchdown run putting the score 21-6.

A Saints turnover on their drive solidified the loss of momentum.

Haliburton's confidence was brimming, as demonstrated by a trick play executed for 10 yardWood made a short pass to Lavergne in the flat, who quickly pivoted and lateralled the ball to a rushing Rider who took it down the sideline for a first



Darren Lum Staff

The junior Red Hawks football team advanced to the National Capital Bowl final, but lost 31-0 to the Sydenham Golden Eagles.

down.

Despite the momentum shift, the Saints didn't stop coming. Less than a minute in the half, the Saints' Brandon Curtis found slotback Anthony Meeboer behind the sec-ondary. Meeboer ran it to the Red Hawks' five-yard line. Saints' fullback Ethan Mastin punched it in to narrow the gap. Teammate Curtis completed the two-point convert with a scoring rush out wide off of play action.

The score was 21-14 with less than 35 seconds left. Even with a Red Hawks turnover during the punt return when the returner fumbled, the Saints could not overcome their own turnover demons on the subsequent drive.

With a couple yards to go on third down, the Saints fumbled during the exchange on a reverse-play, giving the ball back to the Red Hawks. On the next Red Hawks offensive drive, a Saints facemask and unsportsmanlike penalty worth 15-yards bolstered the definitive momentum shift to the home team. Rider, who took the handoff from the Saints' 40 yard line, put the game away with a touchdown dash, following his blocks and evading tacklers, taking it down the sideline for his sec-

ond touchdown of the game. Wood added the extra-point doubling up on the Saints 28-14.

Red Hawks coach Bruce Griffith, still wet from the cele-bratory shower thanks to his captains' dousing, said he was happy and proud of his team.

"I've told these guys they're the worst practice team I've ever coached in 26 years, but they always bring it together on game day. They're good athletes. That was the difference today. Home field advantage is always huge.

They play a lot of games on turf. We're used to the mud." Griffith adds his defence played with heart.

"I told them to play with Red Hawks pride and they did," he said.

They limited Saints slotback Aylesworth's effectiveness. "He's an exceptional athlete. We shut him down and that was a key. Our defence played strong," he said. This is the third COSSA title win under Griffith's leadership in 26 years. It's the very first win at home and was pretty special, par-ticularly when the other school is double the size, he said.

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The Hawks senior badminton team (left to right): Bin Chun, Jaimie Dack, Darcy Schmidt, Jessica Duchene, Sandy Griffith, Ali Hicks, Jessica Bishop, Tanner Ballantyne, Tanner Hamilton, Brigitta Hicks, Rin Shiina and coach Jason Morissette. The Hawks won the overall team COSSA title this past year.

COSSA gold for Hawks

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

The Red Hawks badminton team powered their way to a Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics championship title, which was the school's first senior title since 2005.

It's all about the team.

Red Hawks senior badminton coach Jason Morissette loves his team for how it came together and strung a sequence of formidable performances to win the team title at the Central Ontario Secondary School Athletic (COSSA) finals this past spring.

"It's good for school spirit. It's a good positive story for the school," he said, referring to how the labour dispute had taken centre stage over the winter earlier in the year.

With five players advancing to the all-provincials, Morissette is proud of their achievement. This constitutes nearly one-third of all 16 players advancing from COSSA to the all-provincials. It's the most he has ever sent.

The junior team, coached by Bob Schmidt, won the team overall COSSA title owed in part to practicing with the seniors. Morissette said the success and the skill of his seniors helps to raise the juniors' calibre of play.

"They actually elevated their playing because of the senior team," he said.

The future is bright, he said, with many of the juniors in Grade 9.

He acknowledges the help from juniors in the tournament and said there were long days, some until 8 p.m. Only a week before HHSS was edged out by Norwood District High School by two points at the Kawartha finals.

"They knew they were right there and lost. That gave them the push," he said, referring to added motivation for the team title. Morissette said his team never practiced with as much energy and drive before that week.

For some of his players this experience will be something they will never forget in their high school athletic careers. "This'll be a huge highlight for them," he said.

Upsetting COSSA loss for Red Hawks

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

The Thomas A. Stewart Secondary School Griffins played spoiler beating the senior Red Hawks field hockey team in penalty flicks at the Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics championship finals in Bancroft on Oct. 24. The loss ended Haliburton's COSSA title reign at two consecutive years.

It wasn't just the bone-chilling temperature that provided the rude awakening for the varsity A Red Hawks field hockey team in their game against the Thomas A. Stewart Secondary School Griffins.

The Griffins were the underdogs at the Central Ontario Secondary School Athletics championship, having lost 6-nil during the regular season to the Red Hawks. They were as surprised as their opposition at the eventual outcome in Bancroft on Oct. 24, which took regulation, a 15-minute overtime and two rounds of penalty flicks.

In the end, losing to the Griffins in the second round of penalty flicks 1-nil was a bitter pill to swallow after an undefeated regular season that included a 6-nil route against TASS.

Both teams' offences were literally and figuratively left cold. Neither offence could finish, creating a near repeat of the Kawartha Final days earlier when the game was settled with a round of penalty flicks.

Red Hawks first-year varsity A player Sydney Cameron did her part, shutting out the Griffins with several acrobatic saves. The referee squad seemed to also be a factor, keeping the game tight with more stoppages of play than usual.

After the game coach Caley Sisson, who was pleased with her team's efforts couldn't hide her disappointment for her players. She was a little confused about the inordinate calls against her team that robbed her team of any real momentum.

"It was a struggle for them because once they started to get going there were many calls against," Sisson said. "Our game was slowed down as well because the umpire was telling them they weren't allowed to move the ball with a self-pass right away. They were telling them to wait like three seconds before going up the field with the ball, which is not the point. The point of the self-pass is to keep the game of play moving so we're not really sure where that came from."

Sisson acknowledged the strong play from her netminder.

Next year with Haliburton hosting COSSA, the team is hungry to win the championship and return to OFSAA as they did the previous two years.

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Shirley Sisson's family of J'Nan and Mike Yateman and sons, Derek and Curtis of Bowmanville, spent Christmas with Shirley this year.

Kathleen Owens hosted a Twelfth Night party at our place on Sunday with about 10 people present for the celebration.

Greg and Cheryl Cooper hosted all of Marjorie

Nicholls's family over Christmas, albeit the sadness of the one missing was sorely felt. Cheryl and Greg's daughter, Nicole and husband Tom Kezis of Kingston, were present with their boys, Cooper and Luca, Alberta and Will Upton from Toronto. Their son Darryl from Texas was with his son, Carter, and Bernie who now lives with Marj. Erin also attended with Jordyn, Owen and David. Joel of Toronto was able to come the next day as well.

The Upton Christmas party on Dec. 27 at the Centre was a success with 60 people in attendance.

Zumba and Yoga classes are continuing in the New Year. Call 705-754-1605 for details.

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Haliburton Highlands Land Trust Posting for the Positions of Executive Director and Administrative Assistant

The Haliburton Highlands Land Trust is a leader in environmental protection, research, and education in Haliburton County. It is seeking two positions: Administrative Assistant and Executive Director. If you are interested in either position, e-mail your resume to admin@haliburtonlandtrust.ca by 5:00 p.m. on January 17, 2014 for the Administrative Assistant position or January 24, 2014 for the Executive Director position.

Executive Director

The Executive Director is a highly motivated and energetic leader with a strong interest in conservation. The Executive Director serves as the public face of the Land Trust and provides leadership in the areas of funding development, volunteer and membership development and the management of staff and operations. The successful candidate brings a commitment to environmental conservation and a background in management, ideally in the not-for-profit sector. You have:

- Proven ability to lead an organization through change to successful growth in its funding, membership base and partnerships.
- An undergraduate or college degree in environmental studies/science, business administration, non-profit management or a related field.
- Experience in fundraising and grant proposals, policy and program development and excellent communications skills.
- Demonstrated ability in building relationships with a wide array of individuals.

This position is funded through a two year Trillium grant. It is the intent of the Land Trust to make this position ongoing following this grant. Retention is of course dependent upon funding which is a key focus of the position. The full terms of reference are available on the website at www.haliburtonlandtrust.ca

Administrative Assistant

The Administrative Assistant reports directly to the Executive Director and works closely with the Board of Directors and its committees. The position involves setting up and maintaining information pertaining to volunteers, memberships (and membership levels), donations, projects, and electronic mailing lists. The candidate works closely with the treasurer to maintain financial records, to process invoices and payments and to handle the banking aspect (and record keeping) of all donations and payments. The successful candidate has:

- Demonstrated office coordination and record keeping skills
- Strong knowledge of computer systems and the ability to undertake effective database design and management.
- Experience processing invoices, handling bank deposits, and financial record keeping.
- Superior organizational skills and is detail oriented.
- Strong people skills as working directly with volunteers and members of the public is required.

Compensation is \$18.00 per hour. The expected regular number of hours per week is fifteen with allowance for additional hours as project workload may dictate. This is a contract position for 2014 with renewal beyond 2014 dependent upon available funding. Funding for this position comes through project grants, private donations, and other funding avenues.



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Closing Friday January 17th, 2014



Community Care Haliburton County (CCHC) is seeking an experienced Community Outreach Coordinator to join our team for a one year contract. The ideal candidate is an experienced marketing communications professional with a proven track record of building and engaging diverse communities, experience with successful fundraising campaigns, and a positive approach to change and the ability to authentically engage others is key to being successful in this role. A detailed job description is located on our website: www.communitycarehaliburton.com. Please submit your letter of application and resume by **4:00 p.m.; Friday January 17, 2014**, to Maureen Ruttig, Executive Director, Community Care Haliburton County 83 Maple Ave Unit 3 P.O. Box 956, Haliburton, ON K0M 1S0. Email: Maureen@cchaliburton.com. The Selection Committee would like to thank all applicants for their interest in Community Care Haliburton County; however, only those selected for interviews will be contacted.

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Lauren and Jamie (Sarah) Ackerman;
Anne, Graham, Karen and Mike (Kerri)
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Michelle Bailey; David, Kathryn,
Christopher and Alex Hodsoll.
Predeceased by his parents, Maude and
Martin, his brother Ross and sister Eileen
Fleming.

Elmar served in the RCAF during WW2 in
Newfoundland. He graduated from the
University of Toronto in Electrical
Engineering after which he pursued his
career with Frigidaire and Litton Systems.

His many interests included real estate
development, stamps, antique maps and
books and Toronto, in which he lived his
entire life. He spent 67 years cottaging
north of Minden, where the family
gathered for many happy and wonderful
summers which will stay with us forever.
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He will be truly missed by all that knew
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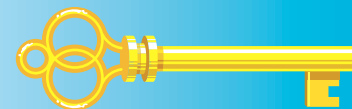
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